



## To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	July 21, 2021
SUBJECT:	SY22-23 COVID-19 Testing Availability
CATEGORY:	Informational
NEXT STEPS:	Share information with students' families

This To the Administrator Addressed letter announces the launch of the [2022 – 2023 COVID-19 Testing Program](#).

Beginning Thursday, July 21, 2022, and continuing through the end of SY 22-23, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and TEA will be extending the school-based COVID-19 testing activities through the work of vendors funded by an \$800 million federal grant. Due to the many changes to this year's program, school systems must go through the following steps before applying for the testing program.

- Review the [SY 22-23 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program Guidance & Eligibility Requirements](#)
- Review the [SY 22-23 K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program Step By Step Guide](#)
- Review the [application preview](#).
- Develop a testing plan that aligns with the application. School systems can review the [CDC testing guidelines](#) for testing strategies.
- [Apply to be in the program](#). Please note that **all school systems must apply this year**, regardless of participating in previous testing programs.

### School Health Support Grant

The [2021–2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant](#) end date has been extended. **The new grant end date is March 31, 2023.** Current grantees have been sent an amended notice of grant award (NOGA) reflecting this no-cost extension.

### Additional Resources

- School systems can find more information on the [TEA COVID-19 Testing Website](#), which includes information on [approved vendors](#) and the FAQ.
- Email [COVIDCaseReport@tea.texas.gov](mailto:COVIDCaseReport@tea.texas.gov) if you still have questions after reviewing the above mentioned information.